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# Journey to the Falls in Minneapolis

Fall 2016

# Mississippi River field trips for grades 4-6

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**5** RESERVE A BIG RIVER JOURNEY TRIP FOR YOUR SCHOOL:

- accordance with guidelines outlined in this flyer (i.e. 65 student maximum/trip; 130 max./school). Contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 for a trip/date reservation. Reservations are first-come, first-served, in
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Trip start time (circle):	Trip start time (circle): 9:30 (at Bohemian Flats, Minneapolis)	9:30 (at Stone Arch Bridge West, Minneapolis)
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School address	City, stat	City, state, zip code
Contact Person	Contact email	mail
School phone #	Fax #	
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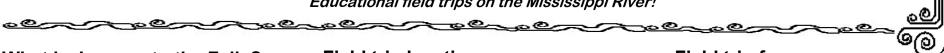
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For further information: Call Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/miss or www.nps.gov/miss/learn/education/jtfindex.htm

# Journey to the Falls—Fall 2016

Educational field trips on the Mississippi River!



### What is Journey to the Falls?

Journey to the Falls (JTF) connects 4th-6th grade students with the heritage of Saint Anthony Falls and the Mississippi River through history, science, engineering and literacy activities. JTF integrates river and classroom experiences. A riverboat excursion includes hands-on learning stations, journaling and sketching.

Teachers who sign up for Journey to the Falls incorporate river-themed activities into their classroom. Pre- and post-trip activities are selected by each teacher from among many activity options presented in the JTF teacher workshop. JTF is aligned with Minnesota Academic Standards.

### Field trip description

Journey to the Falls field trips feature staffed learning stations and activities:

- River Explorers
- River History Detectives (using maps)
- Journaling
- Viewing St Anthony Falls and lock\*
- Mill Ruins Archaeology\*
- Mills History Hunt\*

Each trip is designed for up to 65 students (or two classrooms), grades 4-6.

### NOTE:

The Minneapolis Queen operates from Bohemian Flats Park. The boat trip explores the river gorge area, and does not include locking through.

# Field trip location

Journey to the Falls takes place on and along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. The riverboat portion of the trip (on the Minneapolis Queen) begins and ends at Bohemian Flats Park, one mile downstream from St. Anthony Falls on the river's west side. The land based portion of the trip takes place from the west end of the Stone Arch Bridge, downtown Minneapolis. Students must be bused between the two locations using your school's buses.

# Field trip dates

October 3-7, 2016

### Field trip times (may be adjustable)

Trip 1- Students arrive at 9:30 at **Bohemian Flats Park** for a 1½ hour riverboat trip followed by a brown bag lunch. Students board your bus at 11:40 for transport to the Stone Arch Bridge and the 1½ hour land portion of the field trip. Field trip ends at 1:30.

### OR

Trip 2- Students arrive at 9:30 at the west end of the Stone Arch Bridge for 11/2 hours of land based activities, followed by brown bag lunch. At 11:35, your bus takes students to Bohemian Flats Park to board the boat at 11:50 for a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hour boat trip. Trip ends at 1:30.

### **Participation requirements**

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls **Teacher** Workshop, preparation of students through classroom activities, and evaluation, are required of all teachers. See workshop details at right.

### Field trip fee

Cost is \$9 per student. Field trip payments are handled by the Minneapolis Queen Riverboat (MQR) which will contact you for billing if your school is scheduled for a trip. MQR provides 1 comp fare per 15 students.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarships and bus stipends to reduce field trip costs are provided by the Mississippi Park Connection's "Ticket to Ride" scholarship fund with support from National Park Foundation.

To qualify: Schools with at least 40% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program and/or at least 40% students of color qualify for scholarship. Eligibility with qualifying percentages must be verified in writing by your principal. Request a scholarship when you make your reservation. Approved schools pay \$4/student.

### **Bus stipends:**

To qualify: Schools with at least 60% participation in the free-and-reduced lunch program may receive bus stipend(s) of up to \$200/bus. Must confirm eligibility as above and indicate number of buses needed. Stipend will be sent by Mississippi Park Connection after your trip. FFI: call Brian at 651-293-8414.

### **Trip reservations**

Fax or send your completed reservation request form to Brian Goodspeed at the return address shown on this flyer.

### **Teacher Workshop**

Attendance at the Journey to the Falls Teacher Workshop is required of all teachers participating in the field trips, unless attended previously since 2010.

Workshop location: Mill City Museum ADM Conf. Rm., 6th floor 710 S. Second Street, Minneapolis

Date: Saturday, Sept 10, 2016, 8:30-12:30

**Registration:** Confirm your attendance for the workshop at the same time you select your trip date. If you have questions, you may contact Brian Goodspeed at 651-293-8414 for assistance.

Cost: FREE!

### **Workshop content:**

At the Journey to the Falls workshop teachers will:

- Get oriented to Journey to the Falls field trip logistics
- Learn to conduct classroom activities that help prepare students for the field trip while supporting academic standards
- Learn to make and utilize a journal as a key part of the field trip
- Learn about follow-up activities such as writing and art to extend and reinforce the field trip learning experience
- Receive Teacher's Guide of thematic Mississippi River activities and resource materials
- Receive Continuing Education certificate

### **Further information**

www.nps.gov/miss/learn/education/jtfindex.htm

<sup>\*</sup> land-based experiences